

**ST. EDMUND'S
SCHOOL
FOR
BLIND
BOYS**



COVER PHOTO:

Notre-Dame de la Lumière.

Statue in the Chapel of the Louis Braille Institute.
for Blind Boys, Montreal.

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FOR BLIND BOYS**

Annual Report
and
Financial Statement
1967

Apostolic Delegation
To
Australia New Zealand and Oceania
40 Edward Street,
NORTH SYDNEY, N.S.W.
Australia.
17th February, 1968.

Very Reverend and Dear Brother,

It was very kind of you to send me the Annual Report of St. Edmund's School for Blind Boys. The excellent work done by the Christian Brothers in this field was already well known to me, but the reading of your Report made me realize still more vividly the importance and value of your Apostolate.

Reflecting on your words: "The Will of God has demanded more of them", I assure you that I felt a sense of deep and personal admiration for the extraordinary courage shown by the boys in surmounting their difficulties.

The task of St. Edmund's School is the rehabilitation and integration of the pupils into sighted society. This is admirably done by the use of modern methods and equipment, in association with the long experience and the patient dedication of the Brothers and their Co-workers.

I know, however, that the principal aim of the staff is to give the students a well balanced moral and spiritual formation. Only in this way can one provide a sure basis for their true happiness and for their success in life.

It is therefore with sentiments of profound appreciation, that I offer to the Reverend Brothers and Staff of St. Edmund's School, as well as to their pupils, my sincere congratulations for their remarkable achievements. May the Lord guide and bless your future work ever more abundantly.

With my kindest personal regards,

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

† D. ENRICI,
Apostolic Delegate.



His Eminence, Cardinal N. T. Gilroy, Archbishop of Sydney.



Christian Brothers' Annual Report

My Lord Cardinal,

In presenting to you, to the Hierarchy of the Church in Australia, and to our many benefactors, the Seventeenth Annual Report of St. Edmund's School for Blind Boys, we are aware of the presence of the Blessings of Almighty God in all the spiritual and material facets of this work of the Apostolate. It is thus our first duty to thank God from the depths of our hearts for the successes of the year and to pray that any apparent failures will be favoured by a special Grace during the coming year.

Vatican II in its "Declaration on Christian Education" stated that "the office of Educating belongs by a unique title to the Church, not merely because she deserves recognition as a human society capable of educating, but most of all because she has the responsibility of announcing the way of salvation to all men, of communicating the life of Christ to those who believe, and of assisting them with ceaseless concern so that they may grow into the fullness of that same life. As a mother, the Church is bound to give these children of hers the kind of education through which their entire lives can be penetrated with the spirit of Christ, while at the same time she offers her services to all peoples by way of promoting the full development of the human person, for the welfare of earthly society and the building of a world fashioned more humanly." This we feel is being done at St. Edmund's. With the care of His Eminence, Cardinal N. T. Gilroy, and our parish priest, Rev. Father T. Fitzgerald, O.P., with the daily spiritual ministrations of the Columban Fathers from North Turrumurra, the Franciscan Friars of Mount Alverna, we are privileged to be associated in order that the full development of the boys under our care is promoted not only for their own welfare but for the welfare of earthly society.

Our task is to allow the boys to grow up as God wishes them to grow up, to give them the opportunities of learning about God — at each stage of their growth presenting them with the knowledge of God suited to that stage. We endeavour to aid them and to assist them in such a way that they will be independent of us. Our education



FORMS II & III.

**L. Probert (St. Ives), J. Maher (Brisbane), P. Rosenberg (Lakemba),
N. Pyne (Merrylands), P. Phelps (Ashbury), G. Serone (Casino).**



FORM I.

**L. to R.: R. Mulcahy (Injune, Q'ld.), D. Purcell (Eastwood), P. Smith (Bexley),
J. Hourigan (Kotara).**



GRADE VI.

T. Mulquiney (Albury), K. Weldon (Maroubra), R. Santucci (Whyalla),
C. King (Lismore), G. Glover (Harbord), R. Harvey (Dulwich Hill),
M. McKeon (Brisbane).

should be of such a nature as to protect them from the inroads of evil, not as in a hothouse, but in a world. In shielding them from moral harm, we do not keep them from growing but teach them to grow so that they themselves will choose good and avoid evil. Much of the success of this has been achieved through the Sodality of Our Lady to which most of the senior boys in the school belong. This we have extended to our old boys, many of whom return each Monday evening for the weekly meeting and the advice of our Spiritual Director. We are deeply impressed by this group of old boys and know that they are taking into the world through their own lives the true meaning of the Gospel of Christ. We are pleased with the spirituality of the younger boys in the school and feel that they must be dear to the heart of Christ. Another stage in this development was completed when two boys made their First Holy Communion.

It may be true to say that growth in sanctity is measured by the degree to which we are able to conform our wills to the will of God. Blind persons as a group have a greater opportunity for a higher degree



GRADE IV

M. Livolsi (Gladesville), B. Craig (Werris Creek), G. Molin (Norman-hurst), R. Allen (Yagoona), M. Corrigan (Newcastle).

of sanctity. The will of God has demanded more of them — complete submission to the will of God, including submission to His permissive will with regard to a "terrible" and multiple hardship from which the rest of us are free.

When a person is handicapped by blindness, he is not expected to minimize it (or to exaggerate it), but rather, he is to see it as it is, in its full meaning. Only then can he give meaning to his prayer — "Father, not my will but Thine be done." Christ, in His Passion, made no attempt to minimize His terrible suffering. He prayed to be freed from it: "My father, if it be possible, let this chalice pass from me." This is the prayer that the blind person has every right and reason to say as he tries to free himself from the handicap of blindness, and as he tries to make up in every possible way for the losses of blindness so as to make it less of a handicap than it might be. But then he must try to do, as Christ prayed "But yet not my will, but Thine be done." This is the goal of the spiritual training at St. Edmund's and in seeing the boys at prayer, work and play you will agree that this is being achieved.



GRADE V.

Miss K. Ryan, and her "special" class with Grade 5. This photograph also shows some of the special desks purchased by the Ladies' Auxiliary, and some sporting clubs.

The second function of St. Edmund's is centred around the Education of the boys aiming at what might be referred to as their rehabilitation and integration into sighted society. This year there were 36 boys being catered for, ranging from Grade 3 to Form VI. We would like to congratulate Richard Hallett who successfully passed his Higher School Certificate, gaining a Commonwealth Scholarship. After 12½ years at St. Edmund's this was a crowning success, in keeping with his other personal qualities that achieved for him the honour of being elected a Prefect of St. Pius X College, Chatswood, where he attended school on our integrated programme. Richard plans to go to the University, and we wish him every success. Four boys were successful in the School Certificate Examination — Michael Baker, Stewart Hamling, Des Sydes and Nicholaus Terlezski. Des Sydes also gained a Government Bursary. In all other classes progress has been satisfactory in keeping with the abilities and needs of the boys. In this stage of striving for higher education, we must be careful not to create other problems. For some blind persons higher education can be of great value; in many cases it is a real necessity, for without it some could not reach their vocational goals. Even though a blind person is able to assimilate knowledge in school readily, and to achieve the highest marks, it is possible for him to suffer a severe loss of self-confidence and feelings of frustration and inferiority, if he is to be employed in any one of the many jobs which do not call on his college education. It is hoped that by a careful planning and expert opinions in various fields, the education of our boys is the best calculated to allow him to lead a normal and contributing life, with an emotional and intellectual balance which will make him at home in the world as we know it, while he prepares,

along with the rest of us, for his home in the world to come. I would like to pay special tribute to the teaching staff of St. Edmund's — Rev. Brothers Loth and Fisher, Mr. J. O'Connor and Miss K. Ryan, for their devoted attention to the education of the boys, in playing their part by sacrifice and diligence to educate the boys to their capacity. To the Brothers of St. Leo's, Wahroonga, and St. Pius X, Chatswood, our deepest thanks for helping our senior boys whom we integrated with sighted boys at these schools.

It is generally thought that music should play an important part in the life of a blind child. On the average, the taste in music of the blind person will probably be above that of the sighted person, not only because some blind children take an interest in music at an early stage, but also because music is usually emphasised in a school for the blind. At St. Edmund's music is placed in an important position in the curriculum. Everyone of us has varying degrees of the visual perception of beauty. For those who feel the loss of this, music is of great importance — also to varying degrees. Not everyone who has great love for visual beauty, will find a worthwhile substitute in the auditory beauty of music. However, if the capacity to appreciate beauty through the visual sense was there, it is almost certain that the capacity to appreciate beauty through the auditory sense is also there. It may be blocked by lack of experience, or by various prejudices; but by training, these blocks can be removed. This was satisfactorily done during the year by the services of Miss M. Egan and Mrs. J. Neich, who were responsible for the piano tuition given to the boys. Special appreciation is expressed to Rev. Father Saul, S.J., and Mr. Sanders, who weekly gave of their time to train the boys in the wind instruments. Music results will be listed elsewhere in this report, but special mention must be made of the success of Peter Yangthamai, who gained, during the year, his Teacher's Diploma of the Trinity College of Music, London. Peter will be returning to Thailand, from where he came four years ago, with a degree of musical ability that will fit him for a successful career in his homeland.

In the education of blind children, the art of speech so essential in the many calls made on them in spoken communication must hold a high place. Here so many "blindisms" can be overcome; for example, he must know just where the person is who is addressing him; he must be sure he is facing the other person, and "looking" at him as he talks. He must gain skills in the localisation of sounds and in the acceptance of help, or the frank asking of it when necessary. Much success in this field must be given to Mrs. Foster (Miss S. Barnett, A.T.C.L.), who, for seventeen years, has given valuable service to St. Edmund's. Perhaps the best expression of the value of Miss Barnett's work was recently given by Matthew Ponsonby, a past-pupil, now a radio announcer at 2 MG, Mudgee. Matthew stated that when he goes on the air, all the things taught by Miss Barnett come back to him, and to any who have heard the polished voice over 2 MG this means a great deal.



David Kerins, pupil at St. Edmund's 1951-1963, returned during the year after completion of a Physiotherapy Course at the Royal National Institute for the Blind, London. David, as a member of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapists is at present working at the Darwin Hospital.

To the young active male there is a special importance in physical sports. Here is afforded an opportunity to relief of aggression, or hostility. It is here that the young active male may be hurt with the loss of sight. Often he may feel that in sports where his manhood is tested, he is wanting. He needs competition; he needs an outlet for the energy and drive within him that cry for release. Many activities of our programme are designed to overcome these frustrations, to give the kind of recreation most appropriate to his needs and circumstances. In the field of gymnastics, much has been achieved in this regard under the careful tuition of Mr. G. Sparkes. Swimming affords a certain competitive element as well as developing a feeling of independence. Other activities such as running, including a competitive sports meeting at North Rocks each year, cricket, football, roller and ice skating, trampolining, hiking and ten-pin bowling and dancing are all important in this field of recreational rehabilitation and participation in the social life of the sighted community.

We were all very pleased this year to welcome back to St. Edmund's one of our first pupils — the baby of the "pioneer" group — who returned after completing a course in Physiotherapy at the Royal National Institute for the Blind, School of Physiotherapy, London. David Kerins is just another justification of the existence of St. Edmund's, who, as a boy, spent twelve years here, went overseas for his course, and returned as a member of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapists, a fully accomplished young man, ready to take his place in the world, as a useful citizen anxious to help those who need his specialised field of training. We wish to thank all who helped to make this possible financially — the Committee of St. Edmund's, the Aborigines Welfare Board of N.S.W.,

and the Department of Territories, the Department of Social Services, and the late Mr. Robitschik, who used to send periodically an amount of money for David's pocket-money. David himself acknowledges his indebtedness to all of these in making his studies possible. He is at present employed at Darwin Hospital.

Again it must be pointed out that the greater proportion of boys at St. Edmund's are partially-sighted. This appears to be the trend in all similar schools. As pointed out in a previous report, the problems of this group are generally greater than for the totally blind. In a general way they do not fit into the world of the totally blind, nor into the world of the fully sighted. Psychologically this can pose many difficulties. We are deeply grateful for all the help given us by the University of N.S.W. eye clinic under the expert guidance of Professor Lederer. After careful examination the boys are given the optical aid best suited for their condition and best suited to help their educational progress. To Dr. H. C. Beckett, our honorary ophthalmologist we offer our thanks for his continued service in attending to the care of the boys' eyes.

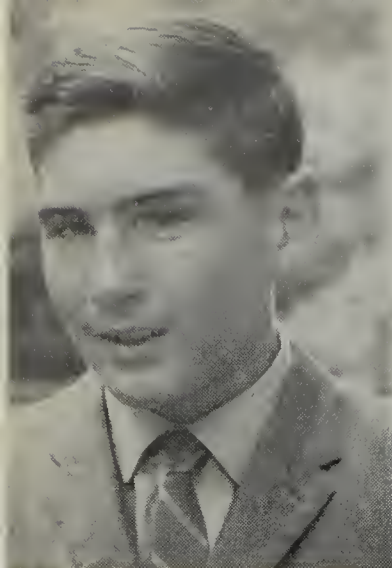
We would like to link with this service, that of our local medical practitioners — Dr. D. Giblin and Dr. Macken — who are always on call for the attention of the boys. Mr. G. Douglass and Mr. R. Bourke also attend to the teeth of the boys. Their professional services are much appreciated by the boys and the staff.

We cannot express too much our appreciation of the Committee of St. Edmund's and to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul as a whole for their help in financing this work for the Love of God. Under the Presidency of Mr. J. Murphy, the Committee meets every month at the School to see in what ways the Society can be of greater service to the boys. All they have achieved would not be possible without the continual support of our many benefactors, to whom we express our thanks. The enthusiasm of the Committee in adopting our plan to accommodate our senior boys in a manner befitting their age — the erection of single room units — was an indication of how much they are anxious to give the boys the greatest possible opportunity to become useful members of society.

In this booklet you will find the Report of the Ladies' Auxiliary with reference to their functions and all they have done for St. Edmund's in 1967. To the President, Mrs. L. Keating, and all members of the Committee, and all who have helped make their functions successful, we would like to extend our thanks.

In conclusion we might say that just as the losses forced upon the blind child are many, interlocking and overlapping one another, so the many agencies at work in St. Edmund's are necessary and must co-ordinate to produce the fully integrated member of society it is our privilege to educate. It is our fervent prayer that Almighty God will bestow on all our co-workers, His Choicest Blessings in 1968.

For the Christian Brothers,
J. M. ADAMS.



**SUCCESSFUL
PUPILS**

Left:

**M. Baker
(School Certificate)**



Right:

**D. Sydes
(School Certificate &
Government Bursary)**



N. Terlezski (School Certificate).



Left:

**R. Hallett
(Higher School Certificate and Commonwealth Scholarship)**

Right:

**S. Hamling
(School Certificate)**



Committee Report

In presenting this report the Committee congratulates the Christian Brothers on the magnificent work they have performed at St. Edmund's over the past 17 years. We would like to see the specialised teaching of St. Edmund's availed of more widely. Therefore, considerable time and effort was spent by the Committee in 1967 in ascertaining whether there were boys additional to those now at St. Edmund's who would benefit from the special facilities available. Statistical evidence available suggests that there are such boys and it was the task of the Committee to endeavour to locate these boys.

There is no Catholic School for Blind or Partially Sighted boys in Queensland, and yet assuming the incidence of defective sight is uniform in both N.S.W. and Queensland, one would expect to have 12 Queenslanders at St. Edmund's. Last year we had only one. We have had some measure of success and for 1968, 3 Queenslanders have been enrolled in addition to 2 more from N.S.W., and 1 from South Australia.

The Committee would be most grateful to receive particulars of any boy whose sight defect is such as to hamper his education at a normal school. It is important to remember that St. Edmund's, like all works of Vincentian charity, is available to all who need it irrespective of race, creed or colour.

You will notice from the financial statement that, with one notable exception, receipts and expenditure was reasonably comparable with the previous year. This exception was a bequest from the late Mary McCarthy. This generous bequest has enabled the Committee to plan a new building which will bring the accommodation at St. Edmund's into line with the standard of accommodation for normal boys provided in modern boarding schools and, at the same time, relieve the pressure on the already over-crowded dormitories.

It is established practice now to provide single rooms for senior boys and this amenity is even more important at a school such as St. Edmund's. Here it is of the utmost importance that the boys acquire a spirit of independence and self reliance before they leave school to earn their own living. The new building will be a great boon to the senior boys but it will cause a considerable strain on our finances. It is estimated that the new building will cost in the vicinity of \$40,000 and will provide ten single bedrooms for the senior boys and a bedroom for a Brother, together with an additional classroom, which is badly needed.

From the financial statement it will be noted that there was a cash balance of \$36,971 at 31st December, 1967, but when our overdraft of \$10,000 and the cost of our new building are taken into account it will be obvious that St. Edmund's greatly needs the continued support of its many benefactors.

The Committee has undertaken this expansion in 1968 because it considers that the reason for the existence of St. Edmund's and the past

generosity of its friends is the desire to provide the best possible education and conditions for the boys committed to our care.

The report presented by Rev. Bro. Adams (who, happily, is still with us) shows the calibre of the education the boys are receiving from the Christian Brothers and the Committee is constantly edified by the self sacrificing devotion of the Brothers. In this regard we would like to mention the changes in staff at St. Edmund's.

We are pleased to welcome back to St. Edmund's Rev. Brother Connell (the new Superior), Rev. Brother Joseph (the first Superior at the school) and Rev. Brother Foy, and we assure the new Superior of our wholehearted support in the coming years.

No words of ours are adequate to express to Brothers Fisher and Loth our appreciation of their labours at St. Edmund's. May God bless them always for their wonderful work at St. Edmund's and they carry our best wishes for their future happiness and success in their new spheres.

The Committee adds its thanks to the many benefactors mentioned by Brother Adams in his report. To all those who have helped St. Edmund's in any way we are deeply grateful.

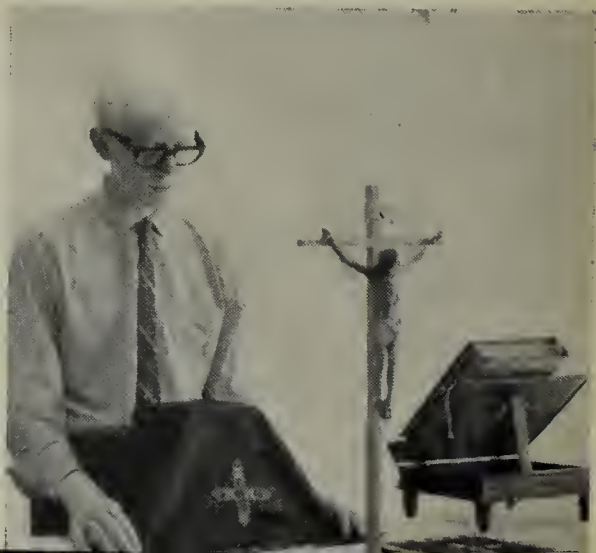
The Ladies' Committee continued their great work and their financial statement alone indicates the tremendous assistance they give to St. Edmund's. We congratulate and thank Mrs. Keating and the wonderful Committee for their efforts on behalf of St. Edmund's.

During 1967 a most successful Bowls Day was held at Lakemba Bowling Club and \$510 was raised. To all those responsible for this enjoyable day we tender our expression of gratitude. We are also indebted to other Sporting Clubs, Company Social Clubs and the like for their generous donations during the year.

Finally, we thank most sincerely the generous friends and various conferences of the St. Vincent de Paul Society who have supported this special work and pray that God will bless them for their charity to the boys of St. Edmund's.

One of the duties of the boys is the preparation of the Altar for Mass.

Here P. Phelps makes the final adjustment to the Chalice Veil.



A DAY TO REMEMBER

The Superior General,
Very Rev. Bro. A. A.
Loftus, Superior General
of the Christian Brothers,
addresses last year's
Annual Reunion.

(See page 29 for the
Superior General's
speech).



The Superior-General meets His Grace, Archbishop Carroll, prior to last year's reunion. On the Superior-General's left is Rev. Br. Normoyle, the Vicar-General of the Christian Brothers.

Revenue Account for the

EXPENDITURE	\$
Provisions	5,251.30
Fuel, Gas and Electricity	1,117.39
Wages	10,287.79
Repairs and Ground Expenses	2,358.71
Music and Elocution Fees	754.32
Swimming Pool Expenses	387.03
Postage and Telephone	441.42
Vehicle Expenses	703.93
Water and Municipal Rates	147.85
Stationery, Books, etc.	897.20
Advertising	486.35
Insurance	427.63
Travelling Expenses	2,210.74
Bank Interest	174.74
Christian Brothers Stipend	600.00
Annual Appeal Expenses	1,114.43
General Expenses	4,615.60
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	31,976.43
Depreciation: Equipment, Furniture & Vehicle	947.00
Excess Income over Expenditure	34,243.99
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	67,167.42
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FOR BLIND BOYS

ended 31st December, 1967

	INCOME	\$	\$
Donations:			
Society of St. Vincent de Paul:			
Metropolitan Conferences		9,740.56	
Country Conferences		1,908.89	
Interstate Conferences		318.20	
			11,967.65
Metropolitan Central Council			—
			11,967.65
Public			8,080.24
Bequests			40,629.65
Concert Tours (Nett)			152.00
Bowls Day (Nett)			510.00
St. Patrick's Day Appeal			400.00
School Fees			2,730.80
Social Services Contribution			2,697.08
			67,167.42

ST. EDMUND'S SCHOOL FOR BLIND BOYS

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RECEIPTS		\$	\$
Donations, etc., as per Revenue Account			67,167.42
			<u>67,167.42</u>
Cash at Bank 31-12-66		6,856.09	
Less Bank Overdraft		<u>13,228.11</u>	
			6,372.02
			<u>60,795.40</u>

PAYMENTS		\$	\$
Expenses as per Revenue Account			31,976.43
Capital Expenditure:			
Equipment		275.92	
School Bus (Nett)		<u>1,609.00</u>	
			1,875.92
			<u>33,852.35</u>
Cash at Bank, 31-12-67		36,971.16	
Less Bank Overdraft		<u>10,028.11</u>	
			26,943.05
			<u>60,795.40</u>

J. F. MURPHY, President.

F. A. J. REYNOLDS, Hon. Treasurer.



Two boys attending St. Leo's, Wahroonga, where they are studying Form V, leave for school.



Studying Bees in the Observation Hive.



Handcrafts — Modelling in Clay.

Ladies' Committee Annual Report

We are happy to be able to present a very satisfying report financially and socially for the year just ended.

Our grand total of \$1,694.67, was more than we ever expected to clear.

This year we set out to equip the classrooms with chairs and desks made especially for partially sighted and blind children, also lights for the desks which are a tremendous help to the boys with very little sight. A film projector and speaker was obtained and has given a good deal of educational enjoyment.

For full financial details please look at the balance sheet, compiled by our treasurer, Mrs. W. Beerworth. The balance of monies is being held in trust until 1968 when there are to be extensive additions to the school.

Our sincere gratitude to the mothers of past and present pupils who have helped greatly by making attractive articles to be sold on the stalls that we had at every available opportunity.

Three functions were held this year, the first being our annual card party on the second Thursday in June, at the Chatswood Town Hall. The parcel of linen donated by Mrs. J. O'Neill, Mona Vale Road, Pymble, was won by Mrs. Jackson, Sutton Place, St. Ives.

Due to the fact that we had so many gifts donated for a raffle, we decided to have a Tombola, this way giving pleasure to a lot more people and thereby raising more money.

Our second function was a luncheon and card party held at the home of Mrs. G. Courtney Smith, St. Ives. Although the day was unbearably hot, shade from gay umbrellas and big trees afforded plenty of comfortable relaxation.

At this stage I would like to thank the business firms who helped us with generous donations of their own particular merchandise. They are: Arnotts, Bromleys, Cawsey Menck, Christine Lynch, David Jones, Elizabeth Arden, Elizabeth French, Greigs, Mansours, Mamselle Hairdressing, Killara, Philips Electric, Prouds, Ronsons, Supertex, and Shelta Umbrellas.

Our last fund raising effort was a morning tea held at the home of Mrs. Stammers, "Birchwood Lounge", North Ryde. Tongala Milk generously demonstrated the values of their products, making the morning entertaining and interesting.

Once again through the kindness of Mrs. F. Coyne the boys of St. Edmund's had a happy picnic and Xmas Party.

The concert which is presented by the pupils and precedes the party was a pleasant ending to a busy year.

It is on this day our attractive Xmas Hampet is drawn. Mr. Weiler, of the Saint Vincent de Paul Conference, St. Marys, was the lucky winner.

Mrs. Poirrier, our secretary, whose great effort in mailing raffle books to over 300 addresses twice a year, besides her other duties, has fulfilled her capacity to the utmost.

I would like to thank my committee for the wonderful assistance given to me over the past years; they join with me in thanking the Brothers, the men of St. Vincent de Paul, and the domestic staff of St. Edmund's, who are always ready to help us with our problems.

We ask God to bless them and to give us the guidance we need to carry on this wonderful work.

D. J. KEATING,
President.



Wayne and Doreen
McCleery cut the
cake at their recent
wedding. Wayne
was a pupil at St.
Edmund's from
1955-1959.



**Peter Yangthamai, Associate
Trinity College of Music,
London — Teacher's
Diploma.**

**Examination
Concentration**

**S. Hamling peruses the
Examination Paper at the
School Certificate
Exam.**

(Photo by courtesy of
Sydney Morning Herald)



ST. EDMUND'S SCHOOL FOR BLIND BOYS

LADIES' COMMITTEE

Income & Expenditure for year ended 31st December, 1967

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
	\$		\$
Balance in Bank, 31st Dec., 1966	1,548.66	Purchase of:—	
Donations and proceeds of Card Party at Chatswood Town Hall, 8th June, 1967	624.05	19 Special Desks	1,020.00
LESS Expenses	47.90	6 Bendix Chairs	84.00
		20 Special Chairs	126.00
		Special Light Fittings for Boys' Desks	142.95
Bank Interest		16 M.M. Projector and Speaker	523.00
Luncheon Party at Residence of Mrs. G. Courtney-Smith, of St. Ives, Christmas Raffle, Stall and Donations	1,449.95	Masses and Bereavements	33.50
LESS Expenses	10.00	Stationery	19.25
		Wedding Present — Miss Barnett	15.00
Donation — Mrs. Coyne Boys' Christmas Party		Christmas Presents for Boys	49.42
Party given by Mrs. Stammers		Bank Balance	1,694.67
Anonymous Donation			
	1,439.95		
	50.00		
	41.60		
	20.00		
	3,707.79		3,707.79

D. I. KEATING, President.

JEAN BEERWORTH, Treasurer

RESULTS FOR 1967

SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENTS —

Higher School Certificate:

Richard Hallett — Maths. & Science, Level 1; English and French,
Level 2; Commonwealth Scholarship.

School Certificate:

M. Baker, S. Hamling, N. Terlezski, D. Sydes. D. Sydes also gained
a Government Bursary.

A.M.E.B. —

Wind Instruments:

Gordon Serone — Second Grade, Flute — Pass.

Peter Smith — Third Grade, Flute — Credit.

Michael Baker — Fourth Grade, Flute — Pass.

Desmond Sydes — Fourth Grade, Clarinet — Credit.

Peter Phelps — Fourth Grade, Trumpet — Pass.

Nicholaus Terlezski — Fourth Grade, Trumpet — Credit.

Dallas Hallett — Fourth Grade, Trombone — Fail.

Dennis Young — Fourth Grade, Eb Tuba — Pass.

Musical Perception:

Peter Yangthamai — Seventh Grade — Honours.

Michael Baker — Fourth Grade — Credit.

Dallas Hallett — Fourth Grade — Pass.

Stewart Hamling — Fourth Grade — Pass.

Desmond Sydes — Fourth Grade — Honours.

Nicholaus Terlezski — Fourth Grade — Honours.

Peter Phelps — Fourth Grade — Pass.

Dennis Young — Fourth Grade — Fail.

Piano:

(Roger Harvey was to have done Preliminary, but was in hospital).

Michael Corrigan — Preliminary — Pass.

Brian Craig — Preliminary — Pass.

Anthony Curtis — Preliminary — Pass.

Gerard Isaac — Preliminary — Pass.

George Glover — First Grade — Pass.

John Maher — First Grade — Credit.

Donald Purcell — First Grade — Pass.

Norman Pyne — First Grade — Credit.

Gordon Serone — First Grade — Credit.

Peter Smith — Second Grade — Honours.

Nicholaus Terlezski — Third Grade — Credit.

Dennis Young — Third Grade — Pass.

Stewart Hamling — Fourth Grade — Fail.

Peter Phelps — Fourth Grade — Fail.

TRINITY COLLEGE, LONDON —

Peter Yangthamai — Teacher's Associate Diploma.

Peter Yangthamai — Licentiate Diploma — Practical, Fail — Theory,
Pass.



Christian Brothers' Eisteddfod Winners.

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' EISTEDDFOD, 1967 —

Gerard Isaac — Speech Solo Under 10 — First.
 Michael Corrigan — Speech Solo Under 10 — Highly Commended.
 Nicholas Terlezski — Speech Solo Under 16 — Equal Second.
 Peter Yangthamai — Piano Solo, Open — Second.
 Peter Yangthamai, Peter Phelps — Piano Duet, Open — First.

CITY OF PARRAMATTA EISTEDDFOD —

Speech Solos:

Nicholaus Terlezski — 16 Years and Under — First.
 Gerard Isaac — 10 Years and Under — Second.

Vocal Solos:

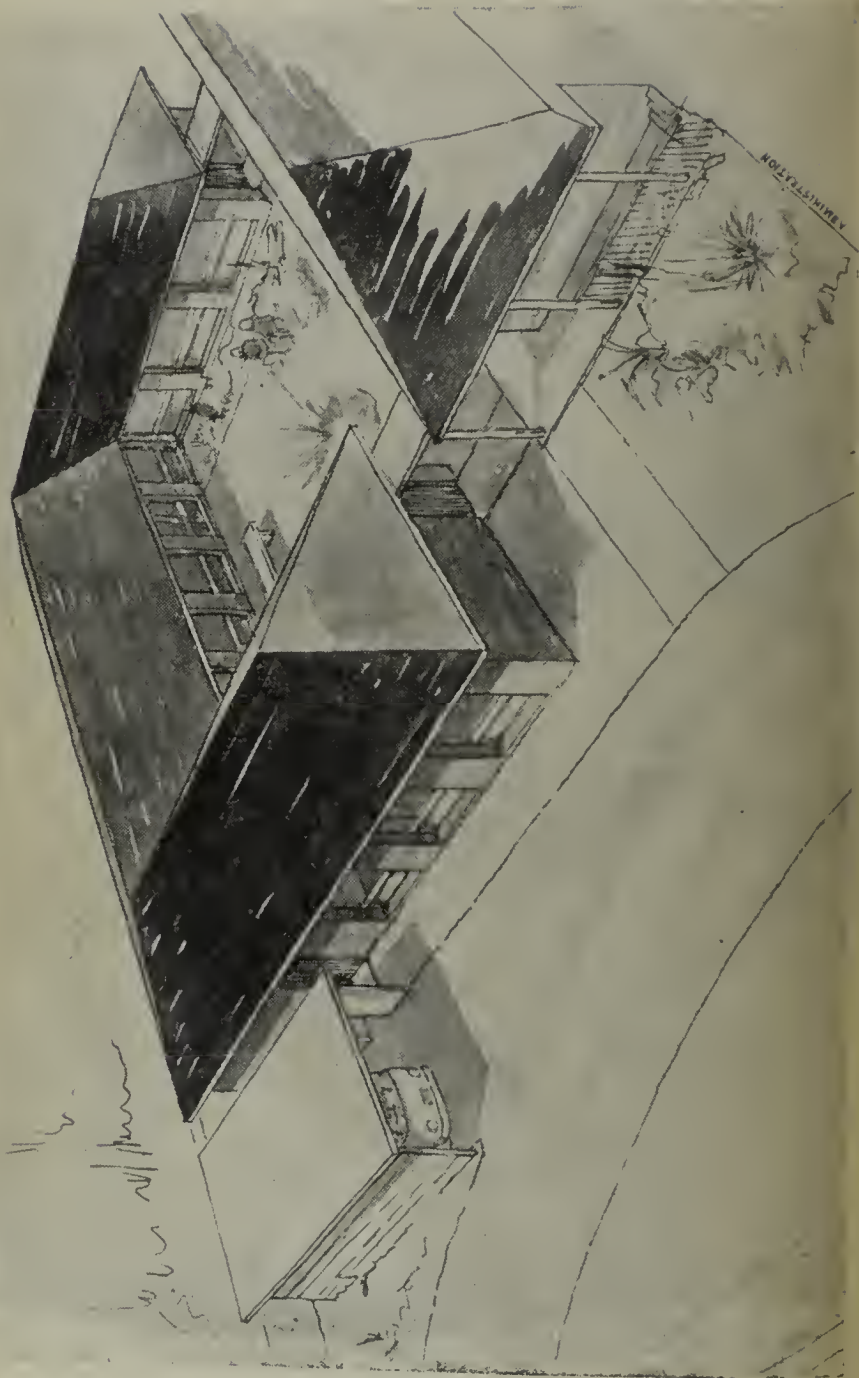
Peter Smith — 10 Years and Under — First.
 Dennis Young — 14 Years and Under — Highly Commended.

Instrumental Solos:

Peter Smith — 10 Years and Under, Piano — First.
 Peter Smith — 10 Years and Under, Flute — Second.
 Roger Harvey — 12 Years, Melodica — Special Commendation.

CITY OF SYDNEY EISTEDDFOD —

Peter Yangthamai — Instrumental Solo for Adult Blind — First.
 School Groups — Percussion Band, First; Choral Group, Third.
 Dennis Young — 14 Years and Under Vocal Solo — First.
 Peter Smith — 12 Years and Under Vocal Solo — Second. 12 Years and Under Instrumental Solo — First. 12 Years and Under, Sight Reading for the Blind — First.
 Roger Harvey — 12 Years and Under Instrumental Solo — Third.
 Michael Corrigan — 8 Years and Under Instrumental Solo — First.



Architects' drawing of the Mary McCarthy Wing. (See Committee's Report). Building to consist of 10 single bedrooms, Brothers' Room, Bathroom and Study Room.

OCCASIONS TO REMEMBER

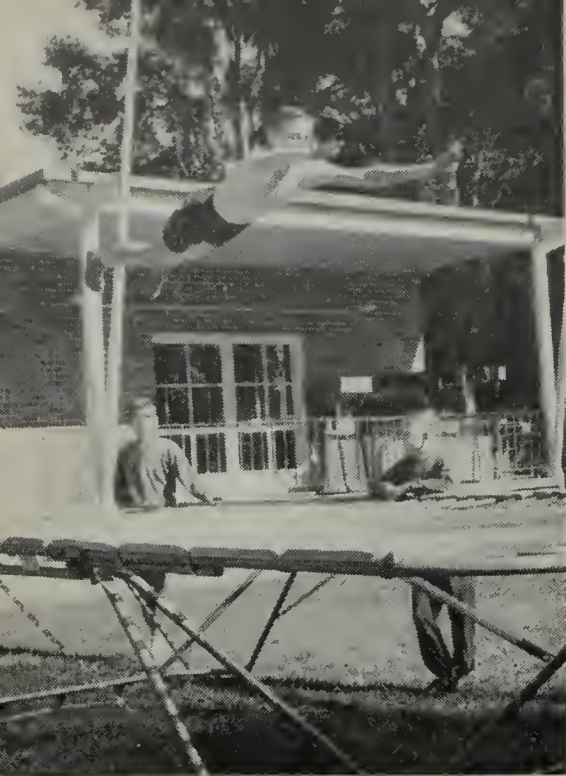
M. Baker, with his flute, entertains
the Superior General.



S. Hamling receives the trophy
on behalf of a successful Tug-o-
War team at the Combined
Blind Schools' Sports.

D. Sydes and P. Phelps leave
Government House after a
Reception given by the Governor
of N.S.W.





An Exercise in
Independent Travelling.
G. Serone on the
Trampoline.



Three Queenslanders
at St. Edmund's.

The Superior General Speaks

Speech given by Very Rev. Br. A. A. Loftus, at the Annual Reunion, 1967.

Father Fitzgerald, Your Grace, Rev. Brother Principal, Your Honour the Mayor, Lady Mayoress, Rev. Fathers, Brothers, Sisters, and friends of St. Edmund's,

This is a day that I would never have missed; this will be indeed a very, very memorable day for me. Brother Vicar and I have travelled round the schools of the world visiting the Brothers; we have visited about 400 schools scattered throughout the continents of the world. We have come across only two schools, one in Melbourne, and St. Edmund's here, which do this wonderful apostolic work. Certainly it was a thrill to see the display the boys put on; their band excellent, their singing beautiful, and they touched me very much because this is the first time since I left America a year ago that I heard the "Star Spangled Banner" sung. I have heard it played a few times, but it really made me nostalgic when I heard them singing it and this is a remembrance that will stay with me for a very, very long time. I know that you and I were all thrilled by the performance that they put on; the gymnastic display, the work on the trampoline; now if they had been boys with full sight, they certainly could not have done better. The dancing and other items were something extraordinary, and I would like to congratulate Brother Adams and the other Brothers and other members of the Staff for the wonderful work that has been done here. If you want to see the value of this work, well, just look around and see what we have seen today.

Now, a very special word of thanks to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The St. Vincent de Paul Society, along with other benefactors, are responsible for the support of this school, and certainly they are doing a wonderful work. I have met the St. Vincent de Paul Society in the U.S.A., and in other places, and it is one of the organisations that does things, and does things for the Lord; takes care of the poor for the sake of the Lord; takes care of the under-privileged and the neglected, and I certainly think that there is no Society that deserves greater praise and higher tribute than the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Finally, may I conclude by thanking His Grace for all his kindness to the Brothers and by giving a very warm, and a very special word of thanks to our Brothers who are engaged in this kind of work — you are really doing the work of the Lord and we are very, very proud of you.



The Superior-General and Archbishop Carroll listening to the speeches at the Annual Reunion, 1967.

**A Helping Hand at lunch time at
the Combined Blind Schools' Sports.**



**Rowing on the River at
National Park.**

**Troubles before the Sack Race
begins.**



The Ups and Downs of Picnic Life.

Items of Interest

Mr. A. Brodie is a weekly visitor to St. Edmund's. He is welcomed not only as our Hairdresser, but his pleasing manner and knowledge of football brings him very close to the hearts of the boys, even though he supports North Sydney. Many thanks, Alan!

Again this year the Grocery drive was a great success, saving the school many dollars. We wish to thank the following Christian Brothers' schools which sent a great number of articles for the pantry: Manly, Bondi Beach, Lewisham High, St. Thomas' Lewisham, Newtown, Sutherland, Chatswood, Penrith.

Appreciation is expressed to all those who have voluntarily assisted in keeping the grounds at the School in order. The organisation of the working bees has been a very big saving in the maintenance costs. Again we would like to express our thanks and admiration of the Senior Boys of Newington College for their help in this way.

At last the N.S.W. Government has granted our request for the N.S.W. School Magazine. After twelve months' negotiating these are now being supplied free of charge each month. We would therefore like to thank all those who have shown an interest in this matter, particularly the Premier of N.S.W. for his final understanding of yet another problem in the Education of Visually Handicapped Children.

Under the watchful eye of Miss K. Ryan, two of our most deserving cases enjoy a break from school together. Your interest can help them progress. You are asked to interest others in their education. Pass this report on to a friend when you have finished reading it.





Michael and the School's Dog.

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